

# OREGON POTATOES



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## PROCESSING

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 43.6 million cwt of raw potatoes to February 1, 2004, a 1 percent decrease from the 44.2 million cwt processed during the same period last year but an increase of almost 8 percent from 40.5 million cwt processed during the same period two years ago. Processing to February 1 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 39.0 percent of the 2003 production for those areas. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 36.3 million cwt of raw potatoes to February 1, a 12 percent decrease from last year but an 8 percent increase from two years ago. Total processing of the 2003 crop potatoes was 101.3 million cwt to December 1, down 5 percent from last year but up 5 percent from two years ago. Of the processed total, 22.1 million cwt were used for dehydrated products, excluding starch and flour.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING,<sup>1/</sup> SELECTED STATES, 2002 AND 2003

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
<i>1,000 Cwt</i>									
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2002-03	28,380	34,860	41,200	48,600	56,240	63,840	71,280	85,390
	2003-04	24,310	30,730	36,260	-	-	-	-	-
Maine <sup>2/</sup>	2002-03	2,230	2,715	3,345	3,905	4,505	5,225	5,905	7,835
	2003-04	1,590	2,095	2,725	-	-	-	-	-
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2002-03	33,680	39,490	44,190	51,920	58,710	64,300	71,480	79,110
	2003-04	32,670	38,520	43,600	-	-	-	-	-
Other States <sup>3/ 4/</sup>	2002-03	12,190	14,865	17,865	20,740	23,580	26,000	29,075	36,705
	2003-04	12,570	15,410	18,760	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL <sup>4/</sup>	2002-03	76,480	91,930	106,600	125,165	143,035	159,365	177,740	209,040
	2003-04	71,140	86,755	101,345	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, CO, MI, and WI. 2/ Includes ME grown potatoes only. 3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. 4/ January 1, 2004 processing revised.

## FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS UP EIGHT PERCENT

Potato stocks in Oregon totaled 13.5 million cwt as of February 1, 2004, reflecting an increase of 8 percent from February 1, 2003. This total accounts for 64 percent of the 2003 crop production in Oregon, compared to 50 percent last year at this time. Stocks include potatoes received from other States now being stored in Oregon.

About 70 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area as of February 1, while 12 percent are in Klamath County and 11 percent are in Malheur County. Last year at this time, 65 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 11 percent were in Klamath County and 18 percent were in Malheur County. Hermiston/Boardman area stocks are up almost 20 percent and Klamath County stocks are up 17 percent from last year, while Malheur County stocks are down 32 percent from last year.

Potato stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage, waste and other losses that occur after February 1.

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# UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS UP 1 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 201 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 4 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 50 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Stocks by type were 4 percent red, 14 percent round white, 2 percent long white (Shepody), and 80 percent russet, with more reds and round whites and fewer russets than a year ago. Disappearance of 203 million cwt from the start of harvest to February 1, is down 2 percent from the same period last year but 4 percent above two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 20.6 million cwt, is up 1 percent from last year and 5 percent above two years ago. Processors used 101 million cwt of 2003 crop potatoes so far this season, down 5 percent from a year ago but 5 percent above two years ago. January usage of 14.6 million cwt is 1 percent below last year and 10 percent below two years ago. Dehydrators used 22.1 million cwt to date, down 7 percent from last year.

Western States held 136 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, down 6 percent from last year and 1 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 8 percent from last year, Washington decreased 1 percent, Colorado's storages held 20 percent less, and California lost 17 percent. Oregon's sheds stored 8 percent more than last year and Montana increased 3 percent.

Central States accounted for 50.8 million cwt of potato stocks this February, up 16 percent from last year and 13 percent above two years ago. North Dakota's stocks increased 29 percent from last year's level, Wisconsin gained 6 percent, and Minnesota went up 22 percent. Nebraska's stocks are 22 percent more than last year, and Ohio jumped 550 percent. Michigan's storages hold the same amount as last year at this time.

Eastern States stored 14.0 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, up 22 percent from last year and 28 percent above two years ago. Maine's stocks are up 11 percent, New York's gained 118 percent, and Pennsylvania stocks increased 22 percent.

## FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1999-2003 OREGON & 15 FALL STATES <sup>1/</sup>

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS							
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR						
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1	
OREGON	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>								
	2000	30,683	25,000	23,000	20,000	17,000	13,600	10,000	6,400
	2001	20,730	17,500	15,500	14,000	11,500	8,500	6,500	3,000
	2002	24,936	17,500	15,000	12,500	9,900	7,500	5,000	2,300
	2003	20,991	18,000	15,800	13,500	-	-	-	-
15 STATES	2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
	2001	387,179	258,750	224,680	192,190	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
	2002	407,821	264,585	231,690	199,320	165,310	125,870	82,940	45,980
	2003	403,946	267,860	233,880	200,530	-	-	-	-

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states.

## PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2003 AND FEBRUARY 1, 2004 <sup>1/</sup>

STATE	CROP OF 2002			CROP OF 2003		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2003	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2004	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	4,264	2,400	56	3,444	2,000	58
Colorado	27,885	15,300	55	23,652	12,200	52
Idaho	133,385	72,500	54	123,180	67,000	54
Maine	16,960	9,500	56	17,030	10,500	62
Michigan	13,878	5,600	40	15,015	5,600	37
Minnesota	18,700	9,100	49	22,330	11,100	50
Montana	3,224	2,900	90	3,339	3,000	90
Nebraska	8,611	3,700	43	9,860	4,500	46
New York	5,500	1,100	20	6,510	2,400	37
N. Dakota	23,460	11,600	49	27,440	15,000	55
Ohio	903	20	2	1,290	130	10
Oregon	24,936	12,500	50	20,991	13,500	64
Pennsylvania	2,590	900	35	3,915	1,100	28
Washington	92,400	38,500	42	93,150	38,000	41
Wisconsin	31,125	13,700	44	32,800	14,500	44
15 STATES	407,821	199,320	49	403,946	200,530	50

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.